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### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

I am transmitting herewith an a U.S. patent application which is being filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120, 37 C.F.R. §1.51(b), 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1) and 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(1) as a continuation of application serial number 933,500 filed September 18, 1997, now pending, which is a continuation of application serial number 740,043 filed October 23, 1996, issued May 26, 1998 as U.S. patent 5,758,072, which is a division of application 158,026 filed November 26, 1993, issued January 14, 1997 as U.S. patent 5,594,910, which is a division of application 388,156, issued September 13, 1994 as U.S. patent 5,347,632, which is a continuation in part of application serial number 328,790, filed March 23, 1989 now abandoned, which itself is a continuation in part of application serial number 219,931, filed July 15, 1988 also abandoned, for an invention entitled:

### AN INTERACTIVE COMPUTER NETWORK AND METHOD OF OPERATION

invented by :

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as joint inventors, for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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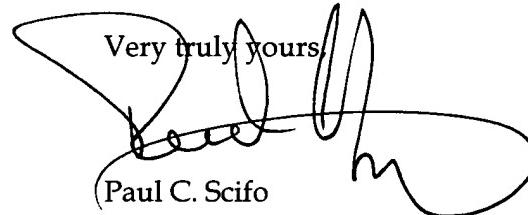
- A. A specification of 154 pages;
- B. Sixteen sheets of informal drawings;
- C. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(1), a copy of the declaration used in application 158,026 filed November 26, 1993, the last prior application in which an original declaration was executed;
- D. Request For Declaration of Interference pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.607, of 23 pages; and
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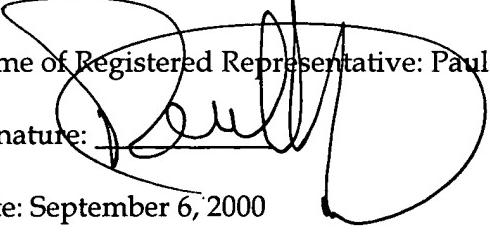
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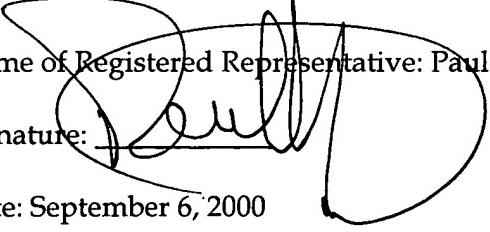
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